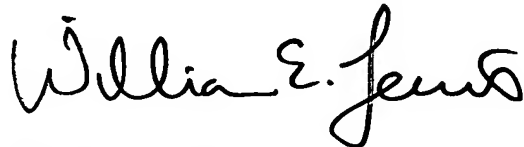


REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of claims 1-28 of the above-referenced application to one of the following groups of claims: claims 1-13, 21-25 and 27 (Group I) and claims 14-20, 26 and 28 (Group II).

Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-13, 21-25 and 27, for prosecution on the merits

Respectfully submitted,

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